



DIVE PROFESSIONAL

SSI INSTRUCTOR - A JOB WITH A WORK-LIFE BALANCE
AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WORLDWIDE

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DIVE PROFESSIONAL START YOUR CAREER

8 REASONS TO BECOME AN SSI INSTRUCTOR

1. DIVERSITY SSI Dive Professionals benefit from a variety of training programs - Snorkeling, Freediving, Scuba Diving and Extended Range including Rebreathers in more than 30 languages.

2. QUALITY For more than 45 years, SSI has provided quality training materials and professional education. SSI is one of very few training agencies that qualifies for the prestigious ISO global certificate which provides better career options for SSI Dive Professionals.

3. FLEXIBILITY The SSI Total Teaching System and Training Standards are the perfect blend of structure and flexibility. Flexibility means that SSI trains Dive Professionals who are capable of making decisions to be successful in the industry and meet the needs of the customer.

4. EDUCATION SSI digital programs set a whole new standard in diver education - an "Integrated Learning System" with full HD videos, animation, illustrations and photos to stimulate learning and ensure better retention.

5. REAL TIME Digital Certifications are instant! With the DiveSSI App everything happens in real time. If a physical card is what the customer wants, it's still possible - central print or even in-store print.

6. BENEFIT SSI Dive Professionals pay one renewal fee for their highest Instructor rating. There is no extra charge for all the additional ratings. SSI Instructors also receive the most current digital student and instructor materials, PEG's and final exams at no additional charge for the programs they are certified to teach.

7. POWER SSI has the best dive leader training progression in the industry, starting with Dive Guide. With additional training, Dive Control Specialist Instructors may conduct staff crossovers without having to send the crossover candidate to somebody else. Instructor Trainer opportunities are available and motivated candidates are always welcome.

8. DEMAND The SSI Dive Center and Resort network is expanding so rapidly that the demand for full or part time Dive Professionals is at an all-time high, creating limitless career opportunities around the world.



SSI DIVE PROFESSIONAL FIRST STEPS

Since 1970, SSI has been a leader in professional education. After 40 years in business, SSI made another unprecedented move that forever changed the way new dive professionals entered the sport, the SSI Dive Professional Pathway - Dive Guide, Divemaster, Dive Control Specialists and Open Water Instructor.

Dive Guide is the first step and teaches you how to take care of certified divers above and below the water - Dive briefings, checking people into and out of the water and leading certified divers underwater are just a few of things you will learn.

The next step is Divemaster. Once you are a certified Dive Guide, simply sign up for the Science of Diving specialty. Here you will learn the much needed Physics & Physiology, Decompression Theory, advanced information about Dive Equipment and the Aquatic Environment. As soon as you pass the Science of Diving program and receive your certification, you will be awarded the coveted Divemaster rating and the ability to assist Open Water Instructors.

With Divemaster out of the way, the natural progression is Dive Control Specialists. Devoted dive professionals motivated to share their love of diving will find the Dive Control Specialist program exactly what they are looking for: actual teaching and assisting! This program teaches you how to teach and the responsibility for others. Under supervision, you will gain first-hand experience in both the classroom and pool. Dive Control Specialist is the necessary foundation for teaching on your own and becoming an SSI Open Water Instructor.

DIVE PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY

Dive Guide (DG)

- Independently plan and lead certified divers underwater.
- Teach and certify Snorkel Divers, if certified as a Snorkeling Instructor.

Divemaster (DM)

- Assist in training programs under the direct supervision of an instructor.

Dive Control Specialist (DCS)

- Independently teach and certify Try Scuba, Perfect Buoyancy and Scuba Skills Update programs.
- Teach all academic and pool sessions of the Open Water Diver program (with the exception of the emergency skills) under the indirect supervision of an instructor.

Training Specialist (TS)

- Qualify and independently teach and certify specific specialty programs in accordance with the training standards.



INSTRUCTOR SSI CAREER PATHWAY

SSI OPEN WATER INSTRUCTOR

We've always had the desire to seek the underwater world. Prior to advancement in equipment and technology, the vast majority were denied the experience.

Now that diving is accessible to anyone, there is a high demand for people who have a passion for diving and want to share that experience with others. For SSI, the most important step in a Dive Professional's career is becoming a person who can train new divers - the SSI Open Water Instructor.

The Open Water Instructor's mission is to inspire and influence beginners to grow in their diving experiences with the goal of making them committed divers. The goal of the Instructor Training Course (ITC) is to increase your business and industry knowledge, expand your teaching skills and add professional retail presentation experience through modern workshops and practical applications. It is an opportunity to learn how to deliver "The Ultimate Dive Experience!"

The SSI Instructor Training Course is a unique program that has stood the test of time.

In order to stay competitive in today's diving industry, the program has been updated to ensure that all Dive Professionals are equipped with the latest in digital technology, dive retail and resort information. A newly certified SSI Open Water Instructor can be absolutely sure to have all necessary knowledge, skills and experience to work productively.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPTIONS FOR INSTRUCTORS

Continuing Education is paramount to long term success for you and the diving industry. SSI offers you a personalized and flexible way to continue your career after your Instructor Evaluation. Simply make a list of the Specialty Programs you would like to teach in future and then co-teach each program with a qualified Specialty Instructor or enroll in a Specialty Instructor Seminar with an Instructor Trainer.



Just like your diver certifications, after you acquire Specialty certifications, you will automatically be upgraded - 2 specialties equals Specialty Instructor, 4 specialties equals Advanced Open Water Instructor.

Divemaster Instructors, Dive Control Specialist Instructors and Instructor Trainers are the foundation of the diving industry, including SSI, by training future dive professionals. Educating well-trained and versatile Dive Professionals is the substance for the growth of the diving industry.

Divemaster Instructors train Dive Guides, who are specialized in dive briefings and guiding certified divers above and below the water.

Dive Control Specialist Instructors educate Dive Control Specialists (Assistant Instructors) to teach academic and pool sessions under indirect supervision. This ability gives candidates the chance to collect valuable experience. Dive Control Specialist Instructors are also eligible to assist in Instructor Training Courses (ITC).

This makes the Dive Control Specialist Instructor the most important level to achieve in the SSI Dive Professional Pathway. DCSI is the foundation for future Dive Professionals.

Instructor Trainer is the next step in the Dive Professional Pathway. This is the most coveted and highest rating in SSI. Instructor Trainers can teach complete ITC and Specialty Instructor Seminars.

INSTRUCTOR CAREER PATHWAY

Open Water Instructor (OWI)

Independently teach and certify Scuba Diver, Indoor Diver and Open Water Diver, Advanced Adventurer, Enriched Air Nitrox, Diver Stress & Rescue and Dive Guide programs.

Specialty Instructor (SPI)

Qualify by attending Specialty Instructor Seminars or co-teaching Specialties with a qualified instructor. If you already hold 2 Specialties as a Training Specialist, you will automatically be upgraded to Specialty Instructor.

Advanced Open Water Instructor (AOWI)

Qualify for additional Specialty Instructor Ratings of choice and independently teach and certify these programs.

Divemaster Instructor (DMI)

Qualify for Science of Diving Instructor and independently teach and certify Divemasters.



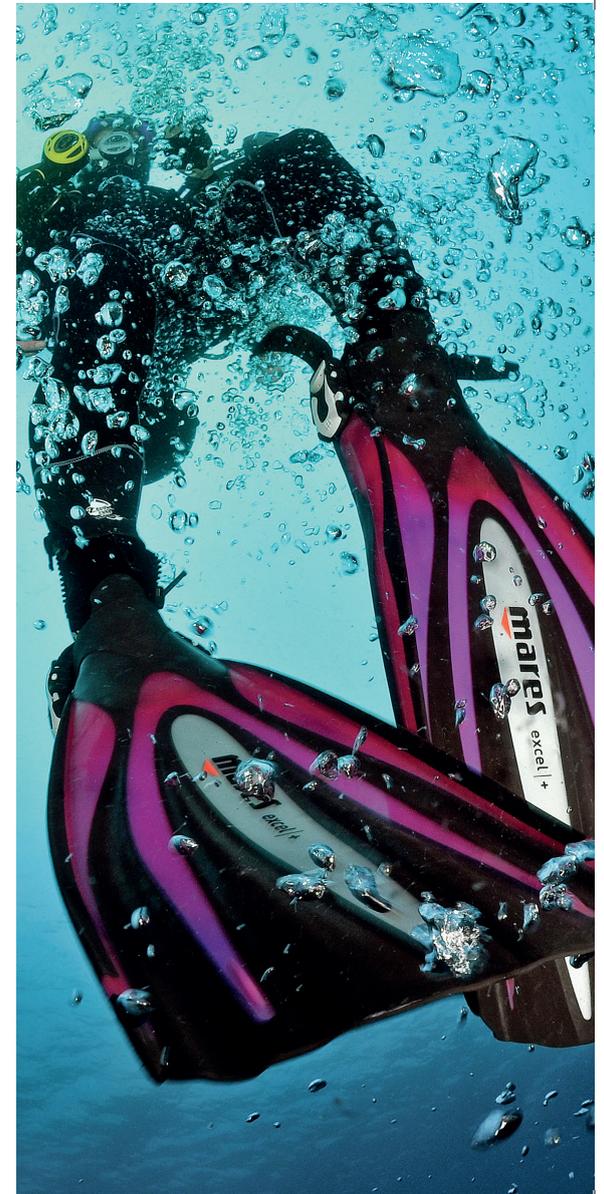
INSTRUCTOR TRAINER LIVE YOUR DREAM

SSI INSTRUCTOR TRAINER

The pinnacle of SSI's Dive Professional Pathway is Instructor Trainer! SSI Instructor Trainers are qualified to teach the Instructor Training Course (ITC) and prepare future SSI Instructors for their Instructor Evaluation (IE). Becoming an IT is one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences. The Instructor Trainer Seminar (ITS) is an event where you will likely meet instructors from all over the world. You will experience intensive training and evaluations as well as the opportunity to build a personal network with people from other countries who share your passion. This is your chance to become "The Ultimate Dive Instructor." Beyond SSI's recreational programs, there are other opportunities for Instructor Trainer ratings - Extended Range Instructor Trainer, Technical Extended Range Instructor Trainer, Freediving Instructor Trainer and Swim Teacher Trainer.

DIVE PROFESSIONAL CROSSOVER

If you currently hold a rating from another recognized agency and see the "Limitless SSI Possibilities," we have a simplified crossover system - Recreational, Technical or Freediving! We recognize that as a qualified instructor you already know how to train divers. Our crossover is designed to simply familiarize you with the SSI Total Teaching System and the difference in our water training skills. It's that simple. The ratings you currently hold with your other recognized agency will be matched one-to-one with SSI ratings. After completion, you can continue your career with SSI without limits! Any active Instructor Trainer can conduct Dive Professional Crossovers independently which ensures quick service, efficient logistics and flexible scheduling. Visit www.diveSSI.com and find the Instructor Training Center near you!



TRAINER CAREER PATHWAY

Dive Control Specialist Instructor (DCSI)

- Independently teach and certify Dive Control Specialists and Training Specialists.
- Assist in Instructor Training courses.



Master Instructor (MI)

After 150 certifications of various ratings and at least 250 logged dives, you will be automatically upgraded to Master Instructor. With this rating you are qualified to actively take part in SSI Product Reviews and enroll in an Instructor Trainer Seminar. SSI honors your training experience and looks for your input for future developments.



Instructor Trainer

Once you have successfully passed the Instructor Trainer Seminar you can teach and issue certifications for Instructor Training Courses, Specialty Instructor and Dive Control Specialist Instructor Seminars and Instructor Crossover programs. You will have a significant impact on the quality of future instructors.



FREEDIVING INSTRUCTOR

Freediving offers exciting new adventures: unlimited possibilities of thrilling action, demanding challenges, but also peace and relaxation! No matter whether you are diving to 5 or 15 meters or even deeper, you and your students will enjoy the beautiful underwater world in complete freedom and silence. Freediving is for all ages and adds a high level of physical fitness. You enjoy a truly new diving experience, undisturbed by breathing noise or heavy scuba equipment. All travelers will also appreciate the light freediving gear.

If this sounds like you, simply enroll in the Freediving Instructor Training Course (FITC) and learn how to provide, "The Ultimate Freediving Experience."

SSI offers three levels for freediving:

- Basic** 0 to 5 meters
- Level 1** 10 to 20 meters
- Level 2** 20 to 30 meters
- Level 3** 30 to 40 meters

To acknowledge different experiences with freediving, SSI has different options to start a freediving instructor career. Please ask directly at your SSI center for all possibilities.



EXTENDED RANGE NEW POSSIBILITIES

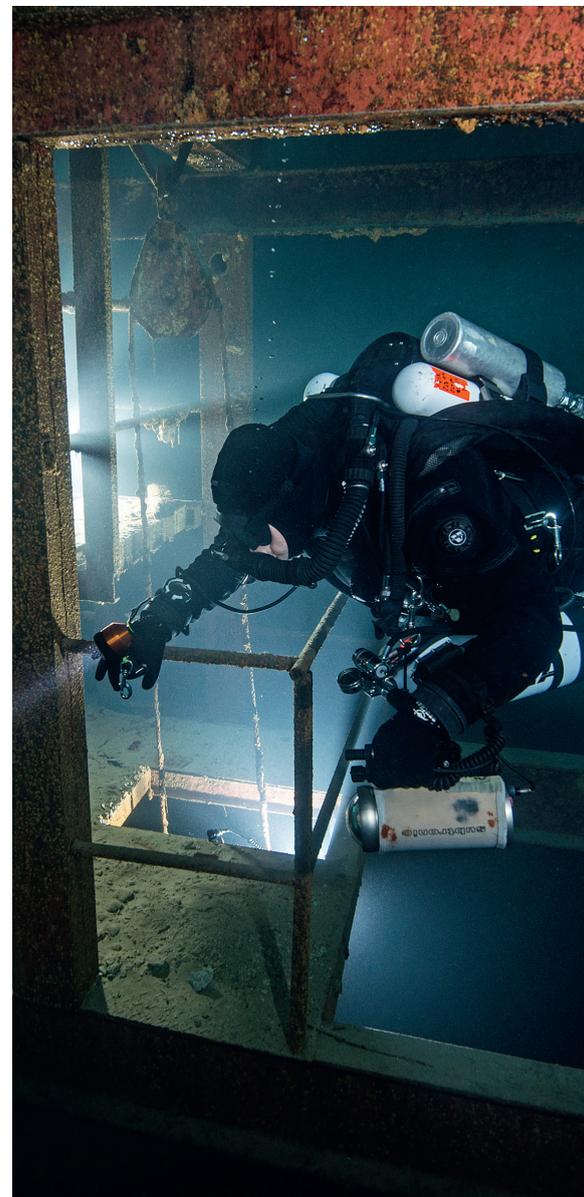
EXTENDED RANGE

At some point nearly every diver wants to extend their knowledge beyond the limits of recreational diving and wants to experience more, a little longer, or a little deeper. XR has it all! Professional training materials, comprehensive standards and flexible course combinations make the SSI XR Range of programs a unique experience. All courses and training materials were developed by industry professionals with decades of technical diving experience. XR offers four entry specialties: Advanced Wreck, Cavern, Extend Range Nitrox Diving and Gas Blender. To qualify for an Extended Range Instructor Course you need a minimum Instructor rating in: Deep Diving, Enriched Air, Nitrox, Stress & Rescue, Science of Diving and an Extended Range Diver certification.

Now that you have moved beyond recreational diving with Extended Range, there is more! You can choose between Multi Gas Diving Programs (Technical Extended Ranges) or Overhead Environment Programs (Technical Wreck Diving or Cave Diving). Then you need to acquire diving and training experience to qualify for the higher rating(s). The SSI Extended Range Instructor Programs require a certification at diver level plus adequate diving experience in the area you want to qualify for.

EXTREME FLEXIBILITY

Instructors can also join Extended Range Programs as "Beginners", because course combinations of Diver and Instructor Levels are possible. Technical Instructor with another agency? No worries, we also have an equivalence chart for crossovers.



INSTRUCTOR CAREER PATHWAY

XR SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Extended Range Nitrox Diving Instructor

The Extended Range Nitrox Diving program contains decompression diving up to a depth of 40 meters using recreational diving equipment and one stage cylinder. This creates the opportunity of an easy and very useful first step in our Extended Range Program.

It's simple and easy to conquer new limits!



Gas Blender Instructor

As SSI creates more Nitrox and Trimix divers the call for qualified gas blenders is ever growing. Be a real asset to your dive centre with Gas Blender.



Advanced Wreck Diving Instructor

The SSI Advanced Wreck Diving program allows recreational divers with minimal extra equipment to make limited penetration into wrecks with all the knowledge and skills to exit safely. Dives can be conducted within the daylight zone to a maximum depth of 40m.



Cavern Diving Instructor

The Cavern Diving program introduces recreational divers to the wonders of diving in overhead environments. Divers learn basic line and navigation skills and what to do in the event of silt out or lost diver. This program is conducted within the daylight zone to a maximum depth of 40m.



XR CAREER PATHWAY

Extended Range Instructor

Start teaching divers to be full 'Technical Divers' with Twinsets and Trimix to 45m. This program focuses on trim and supreme buoyancy. Emergency and rescue skills are also a core focus.

Technical Extended Range Instructor

We are starting to get really serious now. Full unlimited decompression to 60m with multiple stage cylinders. Some of the worlds best dives are now opening up, divers will see you as a mentor from this level.



Hypoxic Trimix Instructor

Want to make explorers as well as divers? The Hypoxic Trimix program is limited to 100m during training but divers can push their limits slowly after certification. You will be their guide.



Technical Wreck Diving Instructor

Technical Wreck Diving will allow you to train divers to fully penetrate wrecks, giving you the time to explore the inner environment of the wreck. You need to be qualified as an Extended Range Instructor and be certified in Technical Wreck Diving. Additionally you will need 50 or more logged tech wreck dives as well as attend an XR Technical Wreck ITC with an XR Instructor Trainer.



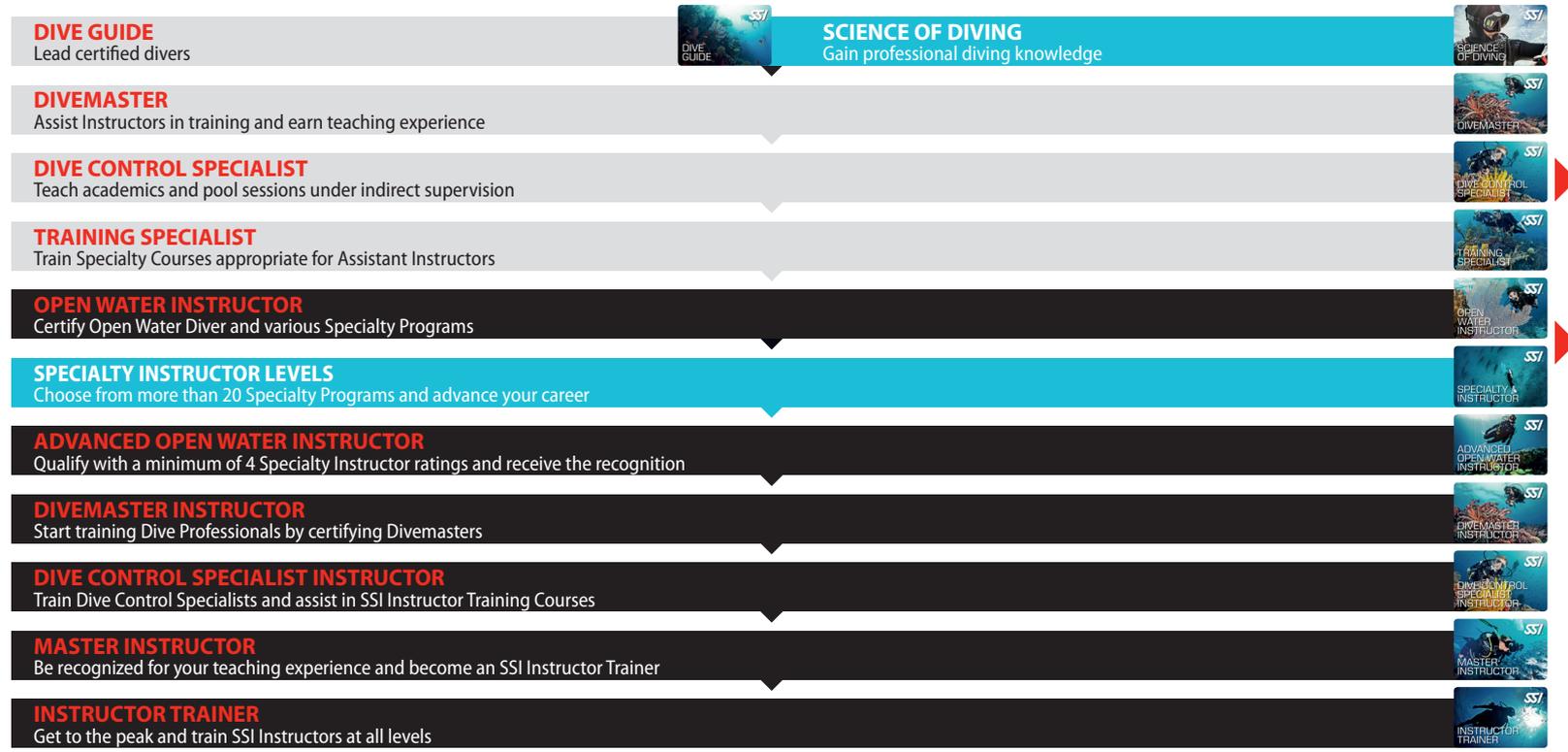
Cave and Full Cave Diving Instructor

Safety is the number one concern, teach confidence as a Cave Instructor and train penetrations on a single line with basic navigation in caves. Full Cave is the highest level of OHE, allowing you to train divers to penetrate deep into caves. You need to be qualified as an Extended Range Instructor and be certified in Full Cave Diving, provide proof of experience of 100 cave dives and attend the Full Cave ITC with an XR Instructor Trainer.



SSI CAREER PATHWAY **THE CHOICE IS YOURS**

DIVE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING. Start your career and become a Dive Pro in the diving industry.



RECOGNITION LEVELS: Century Instructor (100), Silver Instructor (300), Gold Instructor (500), Platinum Instructor (1000) and Platinum Pro Instructor (5000)

FREEDIVING & EXTENDED RANGE. Expand your horizons and discover more options to further your career.

SNORKEL INSTRUCTOR

Any person in good physical condition can qualify for Snorkel Instructor



BASIC FREEDIVING INSTRUCTOR

Teach basic Freediving independently and assist Freediving Instructors in the open water



FREEDIVING INSTRUCTOR* LEVEL 1, LEVEL 2 AND LEVEL 3

* The path to Freediving Instructor is also possible over Freediving levels



FREEDIVING INSTRUCTOR TRAINER

Achieve the highest level in Freediving and teach Instructors at all levels



EXTENDED RANGE NITROX DIVING INSTRUCTOR



GAS BLENDER INSTRUCTOR



ADVANCED WRECK DIVING INSTRUCTOR



CAVERN DIVING INSTRUCTOR



EXTENDED RANGE INSTRUCTOR



TECHNICAL EXTENDED RANGE INSTRUCTOR



TECHNICAL WRECK DIVING INSTRUCTOR



CAVE DIVING INSTRUCTOR



HYPOXIC TRIMIX INSTRUCTOR



FULL CAVE DIVING INSTRUCTOR



EXTENDED RANGE INSTRUCTOR TRAINER



TECHNICAL INSTRUCTOR TRAINER



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Over 40 years of experience with more than 3000 Dive Centers worldwide delivering materials in 30 plus languages in 110 countries.

EVERYTHING DIVING

Whether you choose just to continue your education or start a whole new career, becoming an SSI Dive Professional is a very gratifying and rewarding experience!

Check with your Dive Center about how to become a professional and get started today. Your Dive Center will guide you to the DiveSSI App - Available for both iOS and Android. The DiveSSI App is an "All-In-One Tool" to give you access to Digital Professional Materials, Digital Pro DiveLog and Digital Pro Certifications. Just visit your App Store and download the DiveSSI App FREE!

Once you have the App, simply pay your fees to your Dive Center and register. You will have access to the Diamond Digital Professional Materials. With the Diamond version, you can download and access the pro materials on unlimited devices - computer, tablet and smartphone, available both online and offline.

Registration also allows you FREE access to all Digital Student Materials. Simply download them right onto to your tablet or smartphone.

Starting down the dive professional pathway provides you with an opportunity to develop in-depth knowledge and skills to your diving experiences. Dive centers at home, and especially dive resorts around the world, offer many attractive opportunities for well-qualified, educated and motivated staff.

SSI Dive Professionals can earn their livelihoods doing what they really love – educating new customers while diving! And, the best part is finding a job just about anywhere in the world.



Dive Center:



THE DIVESSI APP

Free, easy to install, intuitive and everything a diver needs at home and abroad:

- **myTraining:** learn whenever and wherever you want in over 30 languages on any device.
- **myCards:** never leave home without your certification.
- **myDives:** log your dives digitally, use a picture of the dive site or your buddy and have them sign right on the device.
- **Dive Center Search:** find any SSI dive center or resort around the world.

And many more helpful tools, like first aid flow charts, checklists and hand signals.



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